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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, JULY 11

1. WP (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "SOVIETS SEEK BIG PURCHASE OF U.S. GRAIN," REPORTS ON STATEMENT OF RICHARD BELL OF DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, STATING IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO SUPPLY SOVIETS AND STILL MEET DEMANDS OF OTHER FOREIGN BUYERS AND DOMESTIC USERS. NO DEALS HAVE BEEN CONCLUDED THOUGH COMPANIES HAVE BEEN TALKING REGULARLY WITH SOVIETS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AND CONTINUOUSLY LAST FEW DAYS. AGRICULTURE HAD PREDICTED SOVIETS WOULD BE 21 MILLION TONS SHORT OF GOAL THIS YEAR (ALL PAPERS).

2. NYT (PAGE 1) "U.S.-SOVIET TALKS ON ARMS REPORTED IN PERIL -NEWSMEN ON KISSINGER TRIP TO GENEVA ARE TOLD OF MISTRUST OF RUSSIANS - MIRV COUNT IS ISSUE - MOSCOW SAID TO CONSIDER ALLOWING INSPECTION FOR UNDERGROUND TESTING," BY FLORA LEWIS (SUN HEADLINE "A-PACT GAIN REPORTED" REFERRING TO AP REPORT ON INSPECTION REPORT) (ALL PAPERS).

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3.. NYT (PAGE 1) HEADLINE "ASTRONAUTS READY FOR US-SOVIET

MISSION" (ALSO CSM).

4. WP (PAGE 22) THOMAS O'TOOLE COLUMN ENTITLED "APOLLO-SOYUZ: ANOTHER 'WHEAT DEAL?'" THERE ARE FEW RUBLES AND LITTLE SOVIET KNOW-HOW IN THE DOCKING MECHANISM, AS WELL AS VHF RADIO RANGING SYSTEM WHICH MAKES FEAT POSSIBLE. ONLY APOLLO IS BIG ENOUGH TO TAKE ALL FIVE CREWMEN DOWN IN CASE OF EMERGENCY - SOYUZ TOO SMALL - THEREFORE SPACE RESCUE NOT RECIPROCAL. ALSO SOVIETS STILL SECRETIVE ABOUT THEIR FUTURE PROGRAM, THOUGH THERE HAS BEEN SOME INFORMATION GIVEN BY THEM IN THE SPACE FIELD. BUT IT'S A BEGINNING AND A DEMONSTRATION OF MUTUAL TRUST.

5. NYT (PAGE 4) HEADLINE "CHINA INCREASES SOVIET CRITICISM - SOME SAY HANOI MAY BE INTENDED TARGET." DATELINE HONG KONG. DENUNCIATIONS HAVE INCREASED DRAMATICALLY IN RECENT DAYS REACHING MOST SUSTAINED LEVEL SINCE WINTER OF 1969. AIMED MAINLY AT ALLEGED SOVIET EXPANSION IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

6. WP (PAGE 23) GEORGE F. WILL COLUMN "SOLZHENITSYN AND THE PRESIDENT." DETENTE HAS CONFERRED ON BREZHNEV VETO POWER OVER APPOINTMENTS CALENDAR OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S.

7. CSM (PAGE 6) HEADLINE "SOVIET LOSSES BOOST KISSINGER HAND IN MIDEAST" BY DANA ADAMS SCHMIDT.

8. CSM (PAGE 10) HEADLINE "COMMUNIST SUMMIT? NOT SO EASY NOW," BY ERIC BOURNE. INGERSOLL

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